

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 6, 2008
GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

President McKinney called to order the Regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:03:33 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilors Rick McKinney, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, John Hiatt, Jim Belden and Brad Beaver, Councilor Schwartz was not in attendance. A quorum was declared by Chief Deputy Auditor, Dawn Coverdale.

Councilor Carter gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

7:04:44 Councilor Beaver moved to approve minutes of January 9, 2008. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT 7:05:10

President McKinney stated:

- A successful retreat was held on January 17, 2008 with the Board of Commissioners. The two main items of discussion were funding of various road projects over the next two years and disposition of the First Indiana Bank property.
- Met with Rebecca Stevens of the Humane Society and Tom Rogers, Animal Control Officer and was very impressed with their progress and congratulated the Humane Society on their recent award for their marketing efforts.
- Hamilton County has improved their financial position to AA+ from Standard & Pore's, a national rating agency. In the report Hamilton County was complimented on their fiscal management and the economic strength of the county.
- Researched possibility of the County providing a monetary donation to an organization that is not a government entity or a 501-C3, found that legally the County is unable to do that.
- Attended AIC Conference along with Meredith Carter, Judy Levine and John Hiatt, very informative and educational.
- Participated in a conference call last week with BJ Casali and a firm out of California that does web broadcasting of government meetings and they also help with meeting minutes and will forward information when it's received in next couple of weeks. This company provides services to City of Indianapolis and over 300 cities across the country. A general annual cost is approximately \$20,000 which is off set by cost savings with Auditor's office and host servers.

Vice President Levine stated:

- Attended and represented the County Council at the Coop and Cog planning session this morning at the fair grounds.

Highway Committee: Councilor Levine stated

- Committee went over projects and funding which was encumbered from last year and the projects that will need to be funded this year.

Finance Committee: Councilor Carter stated

- Committee is recommending approval of the Olio Road Bridge project and use of major bridge funds not to exceed \$13.1 million.
- Recommended approval of an additional \$2,900,000 as needed for road projects identified at the retreat.
- Looking at options for E911 fund balance
- Met with Mark Mitter, Director of Hamilton County Department of Child Services, regarding outstanding invoices due county. Expect Mr. Mitter to be in front of the Council for additional appropriation.

Personnel: Councilor Belden

- Committee did not meet but we're polled on a couple items that didn't require council action.

MISCELLANEOUS 7:13:15

Councilor Hiatt and Councilor Levine attended the 4H Council meeting last night, plans are moving right along.

Councilor Hiatt announced Soil and Water conservation has an excellent program they are working on for backyard conservation.

Councilor Belden attended an insurance meeting, reported lots of figures were presented and things look good.

Councilor Belden went to state house in support of Sheriff Carter's opposition to SB359. Stated hearing was very well attended with representation from all over state, in Councilor Belden's opinion, this bill jeopardizes the safety and welfare of the citizens of Indiana. Councilor Belden commended Sheriff Carter for his efforts.

COMMISSIONER UPDATE 7:18:52 Commissioner Altman

- Congratulated Highway Department, they have been recognized with County Merit Awards for the 146th Street Extension East Project and Bridge over Fall Creek by ACEC, Professional Engineering Association.
- Possibility that up to \$4 billion dollars may be included in the stimulus plan for projects (road and transit) that are ready to begin within 120 days. Commissioner Levine has written both Senators Lugar and Bayh supporting this stimulus.
- E911 Committee met this morning concerning possible loss of cash balance with passage of SB 359 and discussed infrastructure needs. Committee has identified an immediate need with respect to three additional tower sights to improve coverage including SW Carmel, SE Fall Creek and NE White River. Sheriff Carter requested special meeting in late June to appropriate balance of E 911 funds.
- Sheriff Carter stated he did speak with the author of SB 359 and he agreed amend bill to include to two PSAPS per county.
- UASI initiative includes \$200,000 for an inoperability study and communications structure study to identify what the current system has and how current system lends itself to connectivity to City of Indianapolis and County of Marion, to be done by a third party. Because a sub-grant agreement doesn't exist with State of Indiana we are unable to use the funds at this time and therefore request a resolution of the Council to use E911 funds for this study until the sub-grant agreement is received.

Councilor Carter resolved to approve up to \$200,000 for the Inoperability and Communication Structure Study. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

UNFINISHED/TABLED BUSINESS 7:32:30

Councilor Levine moved to untable interlocal agreement between Hamilton County and City of Noblesville, Olio Road Bridge over I-69, for purpose of discussion. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Levine moved to introduce interlocal agreement. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Councilor Beaver requested friendly amendment to insert not to exceed amount of \$13.1 million. Councilor Levine accepted amendment. Councilor Belden seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

7:35:15 Councilor Levine moved to approve vendor claims. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:35:54 Councilor Beaver moved to approve Resolution 02-06-08-01 "Temporary Transfer of Funds, County General to Animal Control Bond. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:36:15 Councilor Carter moved to approve JTAC memorandum of understanding and Request for Participation in the Statewide Case Management System (CMS). Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:57:37 Jason McManus, Supervisor over all programming in place at the Juvenile Services Center and Bob Bragg, Assistant Probation Director provided update on Center.

8:19:55 Councilor McKinney moved to approve Prosecutor transfer of \$5,000 from overtime 101.031.000.1407 to Prosecutor 101.031.000.1000. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0 contingent upon evaluations being submitted to HR on 02/07/08.

8:22:58 Councilor Belden moved to approve Sheriff 144 amendment to Dispatch Supervisor 101.037.000.1122 as POLE J at \$41,644. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

8:23:40 Councilor Beaver moved to approve Superior Court 2 144 amendment to Receptionist 101.040.000.1004 as COMOT C at \$25,310. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

8:23:48 Councilor Belden moved to approve Superior Court 4 transfer of \$1,875 from 043.000.1004 Receptionist to 043.000.1300 Part Time. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

8:24:03 Councilor Beaver moved to approve Health Department 144 amendment to 105.000.000.1037 Environmental Health Specialist as PAT B at \$44,823 and 105.000.000.1034 Vector Control Specialist as PAT B at \$44,823. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

8:24:23 Councilor Levine moved to approve E911 144 amendment to 119.000.000.1001 Communications Director as POLE N Exempt at \$53,277. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

SHERIFF COMMENTS 8:25:11

- Sheriff Carter requested resolution in amount of \$35,000 to purchase pagers for Wayne Township Fire Department and Cicero Fire Department.

Councilor Hiatt resolved to approve E911 Committee additional appropriation request of \$35,000. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

- Sheriff Carter will be sending out dates for a future meeting on the Community Corrections Building project.

Councilor Beaver congratulated Animal Control Officer Tom Rogers for his work in prosecution of the owner of the injured pit bulls.

AUDITOR’S COMMENTS 8:30:25

- Presented AIC Alert concerning 2% circuit breaker projections
- Passed out contact information sheet for verification

ATTORNEY COMMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS: 8:32:57

Special meeting temporarily scheduled for June 25, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. for discussion of E911 Fund.

8:35:06 Meeting adjourned.

Those present:

Doug Carter, Sheriff
William J. Hughes, Superior Court 3
Ray Ade, INT
Sally Mangas, Sheriff Dept
Ryan Horine, Sheriff Dept
Julie Crask, ISS
Tania Lopez, Indy Star
Calah Nelson, Student
Jeff Marcum, Juvenile Services Center
Madonna Wagoner, Probation
Jason McManus, Probation
Kent McCollum, Probation

Ollie Schierholz, Court Adm
Michael Reuter, Financial Consultant
Allison Melvin, Student
Joe Mangas, Sheriff Dept
Rob Borders, Daily Times
Barry McNulty, Health Dept
Ashley ?, Student
Thurl Cecil, Coroner
Brad Davis, Highway
Bob Bragg, Probation
Kim Christman, Probation
John Culp, Council Attorney

President

Auditor